

REMARKS

The indication in the outstanding Office Action that claims 2-4 and 9-10 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form is appreciated. Claim 2 is now rewritten as independent claim 1, and claim 9 is now rewritten as independent claim 12. Because the remaining claims depend on either claim 1 or claim 12, it is believed that all of the claims are in condition for allowance.

The outstanding Office Action includes two prior art-based rejections. Claims 1, 6-8, and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,003,950 to Larsson. Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over Larsson and U.S. Patent No. 3,736,022 to Radke. In view of the above amendment, it is understood that these rejections have been rendered moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is requested.

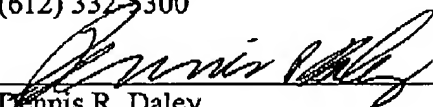
It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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